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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT: Telephone call from Mr. Robert Owens, Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture for International Security Controls regarding briefing for Secretary Freeman by

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1. Mr. Owen called me to thank the Agency for [REDACTED] willingness to brief the Secretary and for the superb job which he did in this briefing. Mr. Owen indicated that the Secretary was extraordinarily pleased with [REDACTED] ability to outline the situation that he might meet [REDACTED] and to defend his thesis against a severe testing of his propositions by alternatives introduced by the Secretary. Mr. Owen indicated that the Secretary frequently conducts a very rigorous cross examination of his briefers in an effort to test the validity of their views and their willingness to support them. He told me in all candor that [REDACTED] had done the best job of briefing the Secretary of any person that it had been his opportunity to observe since the Secretary took office.

2. He wanted, therefore, specifically to express the Secretary's personal pleasure and his own for the fine job which [REDACTED] had done.

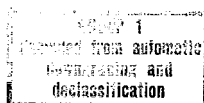
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